

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method performed by a computer system, the method comprising:

extracting, by a ~~processor of~~ one or more processors associated with the computer system, a set of uniform resource locators (URLs) from one document or from multiple documents associated with a single web host;

identifying, by the ~~processor~~ one or more processors associated with the computer system, sub-strings occurring in multiple URLs in the set of URLs as session identifiers, based on a particular rule and based on the sub-strings occurring in multiple URLs of the set of URLs;

generating, by the ~~processor~~ one or more processors associated with the computer system, a clean set of URLs from the set of URLs by removing the session identifiers; and

determining, by the ~~processor~~ one or more processors associated with the computer system, when at least one particular URL has already been crawled based on a comparison of the particular URL to the clean set of URLs.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the document or each of the multiple documents is a web document downloaded from a web site.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the comparison of the particular URL to the clean set of URLs comprises calculating a fingerprint value for a particular URL and for each of the URLs in the clean set of URLs, and where the comparison is based on a comparison of the fingerprint value of the particular URL to the fingerprint values of the URLs in the clean set of URLs.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the particular rule comprises:

determining that the sub-strings do not reference content.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the particular rule comprises:

determining that the sub-strings contain characters consistent with a session identifier.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
downloading content from the particular URL when the particular URL is determined to not already have been crawled.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
storing information based on the clean set of URLs for use in later determining whether additional URLs have already been extracted; and

storing the set of URLs, including embedded session identifiers, for use in later accessing the set of URLs.

10. (Currently amended) A method performed by a computer system, the method comprising:

receiving, by a communication interface ~~or an input device of~~ associated with the computer system, a set of uniform resource locators (URLs);

analyzing, by ~~a processor of~~ one or more processors associated with the computer system, the set of URLs for sub-strings that are structured in a manner consistent with session identifiers; and

further analyzing, by ~~the processor~~ one or more processors associated with the computer system, the set of URLs to identify one of the sub-strings as corresponding to a session identifier based on multiple occurrences of the sub-string in the set of URLs.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, where the set of URLs are extracted from a web document associated with a web host.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, where the set of URLs are extracted from multiple web documents associated with a single web host.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

removing identified session identifiers from the set of URLs; and

storing the set of URLs, with the removed session identifiers, as a clean set of URLs.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising:

adding a generated session identifier to URLs in the clean set of URLs.

15. (Previously presented) A device comprising:

a memory to store instructions; and

a processor to execute the instructions to implement:

at least one fetch bot to download content on a network from locations specified by uniform resource locators (URLs);

a content manager to:

extract URLs from the downloaded content, and

identify session identifiers from the URLs extracted from the downloaded content based, at least in part, on multiple occurrences of the session identifiers from a single web site; and

a URL manager to create clean versions of the URLs extracted from the downloaded content by removing the session identifiers from the URLs and to store the clean versions of the URLs.

16. (Previously presented) The device of claim 15, where the content manager is further to identify the session identifiers based on locating sub-strings, within the URLs extracted from the downloaded content, that contain characters consistent with session identifiers.

17. (Previously presented) The device of claim 15, further comprising:

a database to store the downloaded content.

18. (Previously presented) The device of claim 15, where the URL manager is further to determine when additional URLs have previously been stored by comparing clean versions of the additional URLs to the stored clean versions of the URLs extracted from the downloaded content.

19. (Previously presented) The device of claim 15, where the session identifiers include characters from the URLs extracted from the downloaded content that do not reference content.

20. (Currently amended) A device system comprising:

one or more server devices comprising:

~~hardware-implemented~~ means for receiving a set of uniform resource locators (URLs);

~~hardware-implemented~~ means for analyzing the set of URLs for sub-strings that are structured in a manner consistent with session identifiers; and

~~hardware-implemented~~ means for further analyzing the set of URLs to identify one of the sub-strings as corresponding to a session identifier based on multiple occurrences of the sub-string in the set of URLs.

21. (Currently amended) The device system of claim 20, where the set of URLs are extracted from a web document associated with a web host.

22. (Currently amended) The ~~device~~ system of claim 20, where the set of URLs are extracted from multiple web documents associated with a single web host.

23. (Currently amended) The ~~device~~ system of claim 20, further comprising:
means for removing the identified session identifiers from the set of URLs; and
means for storing the set of URLs with the removed session identifiers as a clean set of URLs.

24. (Currently amended) The ~~device~~ system of claim 23, further comprising:
means for adding a generated session identifier to URLs in the clean set of URLs.

25. (Currently amended) One or more memory devices that include programming instructions ~~that when executed~~ executable by ~~at least one processor~~ one or more processors, the ~~one or more memory devices~~ causes the at least one processor to perform a method including:

one or more instructions to receiving ~~extract~~ a set of uniform resource locators (URLs) ~~from one document or from multiple documents associated with a single web host;~~

one or more instructions to analyzing ~~identify~~, in the set of URLs, ~~[[for]]~~ sub-strings that are ~~structured in a manner consistent with session identifiers~~ contain at least a particular number of characters or have at least a particular measure of randomness; and

one or more instructions to further analyzing ~~identify~~, in the identified sub-strings, ~~the set of URLs to identify~~ one of the sub-strings as corresponding to a session identifier based on multiple occurrences of the sub-string in the set of extracted URLs.

26-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended) The one or more memory devices of claim 25, ~~where the programming instructions further include programming instructions that cause the at least one processor to~~ further comprising:
one or more instructions to remove the session identifiers identifier from the set of URLs;
and
one or more instructions to store the set of URLs with the removed session identifiers identifier as a clean set of URLs.

29. (Currently amended) The one or more memory devices of claim 28, ~~where the programming instructions further include programming instructions that cause the at least one processor to~~ further comprising:
one or more instructions to add a generated session identifier to URLs in the clean set of
URLs when the URLs are to be used to access a web document.

30. (New) The method of claim 1, where the particular rule comprises:
determining that the sub-strings exhibit at least a particular measure of randomness.

31. (New) The method of claim 10, where analyzing the set of URLs for sub-strings that are structured in a manner consistent with session identifiers includes identifying sub-strings that have at least a particular measure of randomness.

32. (New) The device of claim 15, where identifying session identifiers from the URLs extracted from the downloaded content is further based on identifying sub-strings that exhibit at least a particular measure of randomness.

33. (New) The system of claim 20, where the means for analyzing the set of URLs for sub-strings that are structured in a manner consistent with session identifiers comprise means for identifying sub-strings that have at least a particular measure of randomness.